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**REPLY AND AMENDMENT**  
**with**  
**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Greetings:

The following is filed with a timely Request for Continued Examination in response to the Advisory Action mailed May 12, 2009, and the final Office Action mailed on January 22, 2009, wherein the Examiner:

1. Rejected Claims 1-4, 9-16, 18, 21, 22, 27-39, 42-45, 47, 48, and 51-61 under Section 102(e) as being anticipated by Hansen et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,672,865.

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2. Rejected Claims 1, 2, 10-14, 21, 22, 27, 29-37, 44, 45, and 57-61 under Section 102(b) as being anticipated by Japanese Patent No. 05223228A.

3. Rejected Claims 5, 7, 8, 17, 19, 20, 40, 41, 49 and 50 under Section 103(a) as unpatentable over Hansen et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,672,865.

4. Found Claims 23-26 allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.